

Limited (GPCL) and Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB) for setting up a 1000 MW Power project at Pipavav in Amreli District of Gujarat as a 50:50 Joint venture Project of NTPC and GPCL/agencies of Govt. of Gujarat based on techno-economic feasibility which is to be carried out for selection of optimum fuel. NTPC in consultation with GPCL has taken up various site specific studies to prepare the Feasibility Report.

(c) No, Sir. The following 6 coal blocks have already been allocated to NTPC to meet the requirement of their future power plants:

1. Pakri-Barwadi
2. Talai-Palli
3. Kerandari
4. Chatti-Bariatu
5. Chhatrasal
6. Dulanga

In addition to above, two more coal blocks viz. (1) Brahmani and (2) Chichro Patsimal have been allocated for Joint Venture between NTPC and CIL to meet additional requirement of power plants.

However, in September 2006, Government of Gujarat conveyed its decision stating that the project would be developed based on imported coal or any other suitable fuel in collaboration with a strategic partner. NTPC Limited and GPCL were advised to amicably settle issues relating to expenditure so far on the project for land, studies etc. Accordingly, NTPC Limited is not pursuing the project further.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of reply at (c) above.

Additional value based services to the BSNL and MTNL customers

1647. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Department has any proposal for additional services of value based in the landline of BSNL and MTNL for its customers;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(i) BSNL has Agreements with several companies for Providing various voice based Value Added Services such as Astrology tips, News, Jokes, Jukebox etc. to land line customers in various circles.

(ii) MTNL is already providing Value Added Services Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) to its land line customers like cricket update, songs, News Horoscope, Jokes and video conferencing etc. MTNL also providing high speed Internet and IPTV services to broadband customers of landline.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

Data being stolen from Indian Call Centres

†1648. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that data from the Indian Call Centres are being stolen continuously;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government so far to check this practice;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the foreign companies could close their call centres if such practice continues and employees working in these call centres would be effected directly; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to stop this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) No Indian Call Centre has reported any such incident of data being stolen

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.